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Aerie #3108 dedicates BBQ competition to stopping Human Trafficking

For the past six years, Dallas Aerie #3108 has hosted their annual BBQ competition. However, last September, they decided that everyone's love of BBQ should be leveraged to help a good cause.

Due to fellow Eagles member Chad Frymire's involvement with Dallas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and his board position on the North Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking (NTCAHT), Dallas #3108 decided that all funds raised during the BBQ would be donated to NTCAHT.

The BBQ competition consisted of 16 teams and the public paid $10 for an unlimited all-you-can-eat wristband. Baked goods and raffles were also being sold during the competition, and the Aerie received sponsorship from local small business owners.

At the end of the competition, local "celebrities" from the community judged the final table, which included pit masters from local BBQ restaurants, a city councilman, and a professional corporate cook.

This was the first fundraiser held by the Aerie, and they ended up raising $6,000 from the event.

From the money raised, some of the proceeds were used to start an annual education scholarship for survivors of child sex trafficking (CST). Also, the Aerie decided to give the Champion of Freedom Award to someone who has played a substantial role in CST.

Through their connections, the Aerie and CASA were able to get Governor Gregg Abbott to come to the Dallas

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Join The Grand Aerie In Participating In National Night Out

On the first Tuesday of each August, law enforcement and community leaders unite to celebrate National Night Out - a nationwide event dedicated to uniting our communities through safety education and interaction.

The Grand Aerie Membership Department is encouraging all of our Aeries and Auxiliaries to look into where their local National Night Out events are taking place and arrange to set up a booth to reach out to members of your community.

Many families across the country attend National Night Out festivities and the event offers Aeries and Auxiliaries an amazing opportunity to meet potential members & showcase our commitment to building better, stronger community spirit.

You can visit natw.org to find out more about your local NNO event and how you can participate.

Be sure to have plenty of Eagles brochures on hand to pass out to prospective members and educate them on the Memorial Foundation and Charity Foundation, which gives 100% of all monies raised to charity.

The event also provides a wonderful opportunity to promote the Those Who Serve program to local law enforcement.

Don't miss out on this once-a-year chance to make a difference in your community and grow your membership.

Contact the Membership Department at 614-883-2177 or by email at membership@foe.com.

Convention Corner

2018 International Convention
Dallas Omni Hotel | Dallas, Texas | July 9-12

Darts
• Take Aim at the 2018 International Darts Tournament, held July 7-8 . The action starts Saturday, July 7, with the 4 person team competitions at 10 a.m. and mixed triples at 4 p.m. On Sunday, July 8, Open Doubles will take place at 10 a.m. Cost is $30 per-person. Payment should be made payable to F.O.E. Grand Aerie National Darts, 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123. All players must have a current signed F.O.E. dues receipt to enter and play in the tournament. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact foenationaldarts@gmail.com.

Talent Show
• Join us in Dallas on Wednesday, July 11, to show off your special talents in the 2018 Eagles Talent Show. Entries will be accepted from members in good standing, their children and their grandchildren. All minors must be accompanied by an adult and all entries must be received by June 20, 2018. Participants must report 30 minutes prior to their assigned performance time. Categories include Vocal (Male), Vocal (Female), Variety, Instrumental and Comedy with four divisions: Adult Group, Adult Solo, Youth Group, Youth Solo. If you have questions about the Talent Show, please contact Carol Inge at 901-616-4701 or carolfinge@gmail.com; Bettie Clark at 870-926-5854 or bettielclark59@aol.com; Hope Mickle at 614-883-2168 or hmickle@foe.com.Visit the Convention page at foe.com to download the official entry form.

Scooter Rentals
• We are proud to announce that AABCO Ready Rental Sales & Repair will serve as our preferred scooter rental for the 2018 International Convention in Dallas. With more than 40 years of experience, AABCO is Dallas' premier scooter service and offers free guaranteed delivery to the Omni Hotel for advance reservations. To reserve your scooter, call 972-412-3500 or email readyrental@hotmail.com and include your phone number.

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Top Producers/ New Leaders

for April 2018

Aerie:

1. #2308 Puyallup, WA	53
2. #2192 Valley City, ND	52
2. #3957 Cape Coral, FL	52
4. #370 Lima, OH	49
5. #3256 Portland, OR	45

Auxiliary:

1. #2308 Puyallup, WA	72
2. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	22
3. #248 Fort Wayne, IN	17
4. #2801 Buckeye Lake, OH	16
4. #925 Grand Haven, MI	16
4. #2192 Valley City, ND	16
4. #4273 Okahumpka, FL	16

Aerie (Individual):

1. Kasey Dorey	22
Renovo, PA #516	
2. Jerry Miller	17
Puyallup, WA #2308	
3. Christopher Wolfkill	15
Lewistown, PA #4294	
3. Gaylia Young	15
El Mirage, AZ #4534	
5. Tim Tabor #1161	13
5. Stanley Logsdon #1490	13

Auxiliary (Individual):

1.Susan Wangler	10
West Branch, MI #3646	
2. Myrna Sheppard	9
Payallup, WA #2308	
3.Cheryl Sorby	8
Valley City, ND #2192	
4. Shireen Ainsworth #2308	7
4. Carol Walther #2308	7
4. Lynora Zuchegno #2370	7
4. Mickey McCormick #2801	7

We Are People Helping People

Alabama
-Coastal Aerie #4549 celebrated its grand opening and raised $600 during the event.

Arizona
-Lake Havasu City Aerie and Auxiliary #4299 donated $12,500 for children's cancer research at the Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation.

British Columbia
-Maple Ridge Aerie #2831 made multiple donations to support the Ridge Meadow Hospital Foundation. $3,600 went to the Maternity Clinic and $1,000 was donated to Oncology. RMHF is a non-profit charity that invests in better health through community partnerships.
-Northwest Aerie #2638 recently donated a check for $2,851 to their local Crisis intervention and Suicide Prevention Center of British Columbia.

California
-San Pablo Auxiliary #3028 donated $3,000 to San Pablo Police Department to support the youth in the community with their G.R.E.A.T. Program. This donation will help send 20+ kids to a two-week summer camp with police officers.

Colorado
-Aerie #4019 held a breakfast fundraiser to support Shield 616 and the Federal Heights Police Department, where they raised $1,200. Recently, three police officers were shot and killed in the line of duty. Through the donations, Shield 616 will purchase and distribute rifle-ready protection designed for quick deployment to departments across Colorado.

Florida
-Lake County Aerie #4273 donated $13,500 that will go toward scholarships to benefit children of the military.

Georgia
-Augusta Aerie #1197 held a benefit for Dennis Bedichek, where they raised $5,696 through a gun raffle, silent auction, gift card raffle, and 50/50 raffle. Bedichek is currently battling Stage 4 Metastatic Signet Cell Carcinoma, and the proceeds will be used to help him and his family with any medical needs.

Minnesota
-Crookston Aerie #873 presented a $2,500 donation to the Crookston Firefighters Association at their annual Firefighter Fun Night.

Missouri
During Big Tree Aerie and Auxiliary #1800 annual State President's visit and membership drive event, multiple donations were made to local and state charities. Donations totaling $2,800 were distributed to the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, Diabetes Research Center, Canton RV Band program, the Highland High Band program, and the Canton Community Center. The Lewis County Nursing Home also received a grant of $5,000 for its Alzheimer's Unit.
-Meramec Valley Auxiliary #3781 presented a check in the amount of $3,356.83 to Team Kaden "Let's end childhood cancer together."

New Hampshire
-Keene Auxiliary #1413 made a cumulative donation of $8,329 to multiple local organizations: $1,547 to Cheshire Medical Center, $1,047 to Cedar Crest, $1,047 to Keene Head Start, $1,547 to Cheshire Medical Center Hoffman Spine Fund, $1,047 to Keene Public Library, $547 to Joy's Network, $1,547 to Castle Center.

Oregon
-Portland Tigard #4, Woodburn Eagle Riders #3284, East Portland #3256, Crater Lake #2093, and others teamed up to start the Diabetic Socks for Veterans program where they provide hundreds of socks each year to veterans and the elderly, while also providing information on preventative foot care. Now in its fifth year, more than 5,000 socks have been distributed.

Pennsylvania
-Edgewood Aerie #1801 donated $1,000 to the Somerset Country Club. The club is using the money for its annual Salute to Veterans Free Golf day.

Washington
-North Mason #4426 has donated a cumulative $7,250 over the past year to community charities, the local schools, the baseball field, the Humane Society, and more.
-Whidbey Island Eagles Aerie #3418 presented checks totaling $7,500.00 to 10 different local charities that serve South Whidbey Island.
-Zachary Darner's little brother got sick as a baby. Wanting children to feel safe in the hospital during Christmas, he decided to start a toy drive. Port Orchard Aerie #2338 donated 1,500 toys for the cause. The 1,500 toys were part of a large donation the Eagles received four years ago that were not yet been distributed. In addition to the generous toy donation, past President Tom Riedel commended Zachary for his work and made him an honorary Eagle.

Indiana

Muncie Aerie # 231 recently donated $20,000 to A Better Way, which is a non-profit that provides shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The donation will help fund the Passage Way program, where victims of domestic violence are given a transitional housing solution while they try to find a permanent residence.

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CASA office where they presented him with the Champion of Freedom Award for his efforts to combat human trafficking on the state level. During the award ceremony, University of North Texas and human trafficking survivor Tiffani Price was presented with a scholarship with funds from #3108 and CASA.

Gov. Abbott announced new plans to fight trafficking by creating a "do not hire" registry for teachers and school employees who have inappropriate relationships with students. He also unveiled a plan to increase punishment for convicted human traffickers.

"The Aerie worked hard and is extremely proud at all that was accomplished. Bringing together our members, the community, and all these great organizations was amazing," Frymire said. "The fact that what the Aerie accomplished through our fundraising brought the Governor of Texas to Dallas was huge for 3108. Personally, it was one of the highlights of my career."

Due to its success, the Aerie BBQ Competition has decided to partner with the NTCAHT on an ongoing basis. They plan on growing the event to provide stronger returns for scholarships and also highlight someone every year for the Champion of Freedom Award.

"The F.O.E and the NTCAHT are in a position to create a unique and lasting partnership that will bring education to the public and funding to help those agencies that fight this horrible crime," Frymire said.

News & Notes

Children's Day Deadline is June 15

Show us how you've impacted your community's youth by entering the 2018 F.O.E. Children's Day Contest. To enter, your Aerie or Auxiliary must document the process, the successes of your event, and mail the information, along with an official entry form and any news coverage, to the Grand Aerie Headquarters for judging. The winner will be announced at the 2018 International Convention in Dallas, Texas. The winning group will receive a $3,000 grant from the Eagles' Jimmy Durante Children's Fund to be presented to a youth-oriented organization of your choosing.

Sign Up For The 2018 International Golf Tourney

Join us for F.O.E.'s International Golf Tournament on August 18 and 19, 2018. Woodland #3782 is hosting the tournament at the Legacy at Hastings in Michigan. The entry fee is $90 per golfer, which includes green fees and a golf cart. All proceeds will benefit the Diabetes Research Center. All entrants must fill out an entry form and submit it to the Grand Aerie by August 5, 2018. Contact Dan Sanders at (616) 788-4075 with any questions.

All Members Dues Must Be Paid By May 31

Deliver your dues to your local Secretary to ensure you retain access to our nearly 1,500 locations across the United States and Canada. You will also have access to our incredible slate of member benefits, including discounts on auto and home insurance, life insurance, prescriptions, hotels, rental cars and more. Additionally, being a F.O.E member means you'll be a part of helping provide $10 million annually to hospitals, care centers and research facilities across the United States and Canada. Any members still unpaid by June 30 are at risk of being dropped and losing their membership with the F.O.E. If you have any questions about your status, contact the Membership Department at membership@foe.com or at (614) 883-2177.

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CHILDREN'S DAY!

For more than a century, the Eagles has been an advocate for shaping the future of the world through our children. Each year, the Eagles' Children's Day contest asks Aeries and Auxiliaries across the United States and Canada to plan a special event or fund raiser to benefit youth for a chance to **WIN A $3,000 GRANT** from the Eagles' Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, to present to an organization of their choice. **All youth related events, including Christmas parties, Easter Egg hunts, school supply drives and more, are eligible to enter.**

Events occurring during the current Fraternal year are eligible for submission!

Contact the Grand Aerie marketing department for more information

CHILDREN'S DAY!

2018 Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles

Children's Day Submission Form

Aerie/Auxiliary Name & Number _____

Mailing Address _____

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(City) (State/Province) (Zip)

Event Organizer	Event Date	Phone #/Email Address

Summary Description _____

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To be filled out by Grand Aerie Judges:

Date Recieved	Date Reviewed	Certificate	Selection = Top 12

Projects qualify for Grand Prize at the 2017 Grand Aerie Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Please return documentation and submission form by June 22 2018 to:

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1623 Gateway Circle South
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Questions? Email marketing@foel.com or call 614-883-2210